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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT TO POLAND-KRAKOW LUNCHEON TOAST

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1. AS I LOOK ABOUT ME IN THIS HISTORIC ROOM, I AM REMINDED FROM EVERY CORNER OF THE ROLE THAT KRAKOW (PRONOUNCE: KRAH'-KOOF) HAS PLAYED THROUGH A THOUSAND YEARS AS THE CENTER OF POLISH CULTURE, A ROLE THAT WAS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT DURING THE LONG DARK NIGHT OF PARTITION OF THE POLISH NATION. I AM AWARE TOO THAT THOUSNADS UPON THOUSANDS OF IMMIGRANTS CAME FROM THIS AREA OF POLAND TO THE UNITED STATES DURING THAT PARTITION, IMMIGRANTS WHO BECAME LOYAL, HARDWORKING AMERICANS.

2. IT IS ONLY FITTING THEREFORE THAT THE JAGIELLONIAN (PRONOUNCE: YAH-GEE-YEH-LOW'-NEE-YAN) UNIVERSITY, CENTRAL EUROPE'S SECOND OLDEST, NOW PROVIDES THE MEANS EVERY SUMMER BY WHICH THE GRANDSONS AND GRANDDAUGHTERS OF THOSE IMMIGRANTS ARE BROUGHT TOGETHER AGAIN WITH  
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THEIR THOUSAND-YEAR-OLD HERITAGE, WHICH IS NOW A PART

OF THE ADMIXTURE THAT IS OUR AMERICAN HERITAGE.

3. I TRUST THAT THESE YOUNG AMERICANS--FOR EXAMPLE, THE THREE HUNDRED OR SO NOW STUDYING IN KRAKOW-- ARE ALSO CONTRIBUTING TO A GREATER UNDERSTANDING ON THE PART OF THEIR POLISH COUNTERPARTS OF AMERICAN WAYS OF THINKING AND DOING THINGS IN THIS, OUR BICENTENNIAL YEAR. SUCH EXCHANGES OF IDEAS AND EXPERIENCES, I AM CONVINCED, ARE A SURE WAY OF GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER BETTER AND OF AVOIDING THE MISUNDERSTANDINGS THAT DETRACT FROM GOOD RELATIONS. THEY ARE ALSO AN EXCELLENT MEANS OF DEEPENING AND STRENGTHENING THE SPECIAL TIES THAT EXIST BETWEEN COUNTRIES SUCH AS THE UNITED STATES AND POLAND.

4. TODAY, AS I MADE MY WAY THROUGH THIS CITY, FILLED WITH MONUMENTS, I WAS IMPRESSED WITH HOW MANY OF THEM ATTEST TO THE SPECIAL BONDS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. ON THIS VERY HILL, IN WHICH HE IS BURIED, AN EQUESTRIAN STATUE OF MUTUAL HERO, TADEUSZ KOSCIUSKO, (PRONOUNCE: TAH-DAY'-OOSH KAW-SHE-OOSH'-KOE) CUTS THE SKYLINE.

5. ACROSS THE VISTULA STANDS ANOTHER HILL-TOP MEMORIAL TO THE VITALITY OF OUR FRIENDSHIP. IN THAT HOSPITAL, WHICH I HAD THE PLEASURE OF VISITING THIS MORNING, THERE IS A PLAQUE INVEILED ONLY LAST JULY WHICH READS, "IN CONTINUATION OF THE EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN MAN'S STRUGGLE AGAINST DISEASE, MOTIVATED BY A SPIRIT OF FRIENDSHIP, THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DEDICATE THIS RESEARCH CENTER TO THE CHILDREN OF POLAND".

6. MAY I ASK YOU ALL TO JOIN ME IN A TOAST TO THE CHILDREN OF POLAND, TO THE CHILDREN OF AMERICA, AND TO THE CHILDREN OF ALL NATIONS. WE PRAY THAT THEY MAY GROW UP IN A WORLD OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING, OF COOPERATION AND FRIENDSHIP. MAY GOD BLESS THEM ALL.  
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